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1. In view of the British allegation (see GIB) that WITTEN had offered his services to the Germans in setting up post defeat resistance turned up WITTEN's account of the incident. An extract is being pouched separately of that part of the final report on the case of Walter Friedrich (see GIB) which relates the story of WITTEN's offer. Despite WITTEN's unsatisfactory mental condition while under interrogation, his account of WITTEN's offer is both lucid and credible. Certainly we could even justify, on the basis of WITTEN's statements, at least in assuming that the two were well acquainted. Since WITTEN has never to our knowledge mentioned it in connection, and has even once in conversation with WITTEN conveyed the impression that he did not know WITTEN, we were likely misled.

2. In considering how we might best verify WITTEN's story and looking with the idea of at some point confronting WITTEN with WITTEN, we read with some interest certain references to WITTEN, see, in operational correspondence. Possibly the most startling view opened by the assumption of an acquaintance between WITTEN and WITTEN is that presented by the involvement of an unidentified WITTEN in WITTEN's activities. Is it possible that the ultimate source of WITTEN, Dr. WITTEN, Dr. Walter Friedrich, would also, if possible, to have a preliminary report from other than WITTEN sources on the routine aspects of the WITTEN affair. For example, is the WITTEN concerned identified in the articles of incorporation or related papers, or in the rent agreement with WITTEN and WITTEN, and, in the form of a neighborhood check, who is the occupant of the 3 room apartment at the disposal of WITTEN?

3. Could we, in addition, be brought up to date on the current overt activities and activities of Dr. Walter WITTEN? A reference in WITTEN-1175 to the possible revisability of WITTEN to the partner WITTEN on the background of a person of possible operational interest indicates that we may be more or less available.

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